

BIODIVERSITY PLAN 2025- 2028



**Dyffryn Clydach Community
Council**

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INTRODUCTION

Under section 6 of the Environment Wales Act, our council is required to enhance and maintain biodiversity in the exercise of functions in relation to Wales, and in so doing promote the resilience of our ecosystems, within the exercise of such proper functions.

The duty of Dyffryn Clydach Community Council to enhance and maintain biodiversity following the Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales (NRAP) guidance, lies within producing a plan that supports the NRAP guidance. The main elements of the plan include;

- *Embed biodiversity into delivery of functions, and raise awareness of its importance*
- *Safeguarding of important sites and species*
- *Restore and create habitats*
- *Tackle key pressures, such as invasive species and pollution*
- *Use and collect biodiversity evidence*

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	Date Agreed	Proposed Action	Responsibility	Expected Outcome
Theme 1		Working with others		
1.		Review funding and support available from NPTCBC, Welsh Gov and other organisations in helping to fund any initiatives going forward.	Clerk	Future biodiversity work by this council will be fully funded.
2.		Promote local biodiversity and natural environmental projects	Open Spaces Committee	Engage with the local community with our projects
3.		To work with local schools on the use of our natural environment areas and their promotion	Open Spaces Committee	To enhance the use of our natural areas by classes from local schools, as well as promoting biodiversity in their education
4.		To communicate with residents ways in which we all as a community can work to enhance biodiversity and the natural environment	Communications Committee Open Spaces Committee Clerk	Information to be shared in future editions of our Ymlaen Magazine and to be put out on our website & Facebook page
Theme 2		Understanding the Biodiversity and Natural Environment		
5.		To meet with NPTCBC's Wildlife teams to discuss what species of flora and fauna we have in the area, what we can do to help them, and what support is already in place from NPTCBC.	Open Spaces Committee	To understand the current biodiversity situation in Dyffryn Clydach and how the council can help to promote and support our native plants & animals
6.		To work with the Local Authority and other organisations to offer support for annual counts of animals	Open Spaces Committee	To understand and help maintain populations of native animals in our community
Theme 3		Protecting the Environment		

7.		To ensure litter is picked regularly from Community Council grounds	Full Council Clerk	Help reduce the amount of litter polluting the local environment
8.		Move towards becoming paperless, but where paper is required ensure it is sourced sustainably	Full Council Clerk	Minimise use of paper going forward where possible, while ensuring paper that is used is from greener sources and is recycled after use
9.		Review lighting used at Dyffryn Clydach Memorial Hall and look into the installation of less energy intensive lighting	Full Council	Minimise the amount of electricity needed to light our hall.
10.		Review use of weed killer on Community Council property, to ensure that any that is needed isn't seriously harmful to our natural environment	Clerk	To use only sprays that are the least damaging to the natural environment going forward
11.		To keep areas of Coed y Graig woodland that were previously left to nature as they are, to continue to support that natural environment and the extremely rare Blue Beetle Species that calls the location home	Full Council	To ensure Coed Y Graig remains a mostly untouched habitat beyond the footpaths, with work only to be done in the area to maintain the paths, public safety and to remove any litter
Theme 4		Increase Planting		
12.		To initiate projects of planting native plants on Community Council land and NPTCBC verges where we have been given permission to do so	Open Spaces Committee	Creating new habits that support pollinators in the area
13.		To create a poppy and cornflower meadow area in	Full Council	This would allow the alteration of an unused grass area to being a

		Memory of fallen Service Personnel from Dyffryn Clydach		space that can support biodiversity while serving a human service of honouring our fallen. Poppies and cornflowers to be used primarily as they are symbols of remembrance.
14.		Planting of Welsh native fruit trees where possible	Open Spaces Committee	To allow both people and wildlife to have a source of food in the community, while promoting the survival of rare Welsh fruit tree varieties
Theme 5		Encouragement of Wildlife in the Community		
15.		Link in with NPTCBC wildlife teams to develop a plan to promote different species in Dyffryn Clydach	Open Spaces Committee	To understand, maintain and hopefully help expand native species populations in Dyffryn Clydach
16.		To review ways in which we might encourage our communities to be 'Pollinator Friendly' going forward.	Open Spaces Committee	Help improve the amount of pollinator friendly sites there are around our communities going forward
17.		Increase the amount of wood piles, bird boxes and bug hotels we have within Dyffryn Clydach	Open Spaces Committee	Improve the amount of liveable and useable sites there are for different species in our environment

Cllr. Nicola Evans, Chair of Council

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Cllr. James Henton, Chair of Open Spaces

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